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LOK SABHA

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DAMAGE TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways are being damaged within a short span of time ;

(b) if so, the number of National Highways damaged during the last two years ;

(c) the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government thereto ;

(d) whether the Government proposes to handover National Highways to the State Governments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a)to(c) National Highways are not damaged within a short span of time after its development unless damaged due to natural calamities like floods, cyclone, Tsunami, landslides, earthquake etc. Immediate restoration works are taken up on such damaged roads to keep them in traffic-worthy conditions.

(d)and(e) Constitutionally the Central Government is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. Therefore, National Highways can not be handed over without denotifying the same. However, the National Highways are entrusted to various executing agencies including the State Governments for development and maintenance in accordance with the provisions under the National Highways Act, 1956.